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**RAJYA SABHA**

(ii) Water Supply Scheme for arsenic affected areas of Murshidabad and Nadiad districts. A joint Action Plan with UNICEF has been taken up by the State Government for quick identification of arsenic affected sources, provision of arsenic Removal Units and capacity building for community management of such Units.

Government of India has so far sanctioned four Water Supply Schemes under arsenic sub Mission with 75 : 25 financial participation between Government of India and State Government.

The financial assistance from Government of India is in addition to Central Assistance for normal Water Supply programmes.

**Violation of Drugs and Cosmetics Act**

**1532. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supply of products to World Bank assisted tender for TB are tested at NIPER for quality;

(b) whether it is a fact that the supplies are made without batch numbers in violation of Drugs and Cosmetics Act; and

(c) if so, the action being taken against the suppliers violating the Act?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per the technical specifications prescribed for anti TB drugs in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, it is mandatory to indicate batch numbers; date of manufacturing and date of expiry of the blisters or packages. Supply of drugs are made directly from manufacturer to project districts/GMSDs. No complaint regarding batch numbers of supplies has been reported from any of the project districts or GMSDs.

(c) Not applicable.

**Malnutrition among Indian children**

**1533.DR. KARAN SINGH:**

**SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether malnutrition among Indian children, who constitute 38 per